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## **Texas Man Wins**

### **Natural State Jackpot After Buying Lucky Hat**

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LITTLE ROCK – A Goodrich, Texas man, who believes his win came from the purchase of a “lucky hat,” claimed a Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) lottery prize worth \$145,000 today at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Claim Center.

While visiting a dollar store on Sept. 19, Bobbie Slay noticed something that read “lucky hat” that caught his eye. Slay is an active lottery player and knew he had to make the purchase. Little did he know how soon his investment would pay off.

The next day he bought the Quick Pick NSJ ticket at E-Z Mart, 807 N. Washington Ave. in Murfreesboro for the Sept. 20 drawing. The winning numbers were 10, 14, 23, 26, and 27.

Slay had been traveling a lot to visit his soon-to-be 95-year-old dad in the nursing home in Glenwood. He wasn’t feeling well the night of the drawing, so he didn’t have a chance to check his ticket until a couple of days later.

“Wow! I finally hit the jackpot,” was his first thought when he realized that his ticket matched the winning numbers. “This hat really IS lucky!”

Slay told lottery officials that he plays the lottery almost daily and recognizes the importance of the lottery scholarship.

“I have a lot of children in school, and I know a lot of students who need the help,” he said. “I’m happy that I can help send kids to college!”

Slay plans to purchase new tires and school clothes for his grandchildren and great-

grandchildren with his winnings.

“This win is truly life-changing,” Slay said. “There’s nothing like a surprise, especially when you find out that it’s a huge lottery win!”

### About Natural State Jackpot

Natural State Jackpot (NSJ) is a drawing game exclusive to Arkansas. NSJ drawings are held Monday through Saturday at 8 p.m. CST. The jackpot starts at \$50,000 and increases by \$5,000 every draw until it hits \$150,000. After that, it increases by \$10,000 every draw until it’s won. Five numbers are drawn from 1 to 39. If all numbers match those that are chosen, the player will win the jackpot. If other players also match all five numbers, the prize will be shared in equal amounts. Each play is \$1.

### About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the Lottery has provided more than \$889 million to help fund more than 542,000 college scholarships, more than \$2.9 billion in prizes to players, more than \$257 million in retailer commissions and more than \$128 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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